

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE IDENTIFICATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

What is it?

This CDE builds your knowledge of various fruits and vegetables that are grown in New Jersey and throughout the United States. There is also an opportunity to select product by identifying the variety and judging classes of apples and vegetables for uniformity, variety, color, freedom from blemish, trueness to variety, etc.

Career Opportunities

Career Clusters

- Agricultural Forestry Production
- Management and Financial Specialties
- Marketing and Financial Specialties
- Science and Engineering
- Social Services
- Education and Communication

Career opportunities found in the career cluster areas:

- **Agricultural and Forestry Production** – farmer, orchard owner, produce stand operator
- **Marketing and Financial Specialties** – fruit and vegetable grader, produce merchandiser,
- **Science and Engineering** – nutritionist, food scientist
- **Education and Communication** – educator, writer/editor for produce magazine, agricultural extension agent

Educational Requirements

Associate Degree and/or industry training – orchard owner, produce stand operator

Bachelor Degree – fruit and vegetable grader, produce merchandiser, nutritionist

Graduate Degree – agricultural extension agent, postsecondary educator

SAE Opportunities

Employment at a farm stand, employment at an agricultural research lab, employment at an orchard, experiment with sugar levels in different fruits

Proficiency Award Areas

Diversified Crop Production
Fruit Production
Vegetable Production
Specialty Crop Production
Agriculture Sales and/or Service

Curriculum Resources

- *Introduction to Horticulture*. 3rd Edition, 2000. Interstate Publishers, Inc. Danville, IL.
- *Introductory Horticulture*. 5th Edition, 1996. Delmar Publishers, Inc. Albany, NY.
- *Ornamental Horticulture: Science, Operations and Management*. 2nd Edition, 1994. Delmar Publishers Inc., Albany, NY.